

Special Meeting  
October 25, 2016  
6:00 p.m.

With due call and notice thereof, the October 25, 2016 Special Council Meeting of the City of Eden Valley was called to order by Mayor Bengtson at 6:00 p.m. in the Civic Center meeting room. Present were Mayor Bengtson, Councilors Sheets, Bradshaw, Thielen and Kern and Clerk Haag. Also present Public Works Director Rademacher, City Engineer Kent Louwagie, Kent Medalen and Kelly Brunkhorst from MNDOT District 8, and Jim Hall and Kristen Peterson from SEH Engineering. Mayor Bengtson presided.

The purpose of the special meeting was to review MNDOT plans for the 2018 Project on Hwy 22 south of the intersection of Hwy 22 & Hwy 55, and Hwy 55 east and west of the same intersection. Kent Medalen, MNDOT Project Manager, reviewed the plans to mill and overlay the highways, replace sidewalks, and install ADA compliant ped ramps. He and Kelly Brunkhorst explained there would be minimal closure of the highway during the project and they would try to keep traffic moving, even if it may be reduced to one lane at times. The project costs would be covered by MNDOT and they had hosted an open house from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the City to answer resident's questions and concerns about the proposed project. Driveway access, tree removal, and project timeline were some areas of concern raised during the open house. City Engineer Louwagie provided a copy of the project area with items of concern he and Public Works Director Rademacher had reviewed. The current MNDOT plans showed the sidewalk ending on the southeast end of Hwy 22 at its current location, and a suggestion to extend the sidewalk south to Jacquin Lane to tie in to the intersection and sidewalk on the southwest side of Hwy 22 was made. Rademacher also suggested the sidewalk on the northeast side of Hwy 55 be extended to BI, since he notices a number of employees from BI walking along Hwy 55 into the city during the day, and extend the sidewalk from Maple St. S. to Smith Street on the south side of Hwy 55. They also suggested an additional catch basin be installed on Hwy 55 east, near the proposed site of the convenience store under construction, with a larger stormwater pipe installed routing the stormwater from the north side of Hwy 55 to the south side in the existing storm sewer. Medalen reported those items would be at city costs, with the possibility of adding the sidewalks to the MNDOT plans with cooperative agreement from the City to cover costs, but the storm sewer requests would not be able to be included in the 2018 plans, since they did not want to have any detour issues. He and Brunkhorst suggested the City could complete the storm sewer work before 2018, but they would not allow open cut of the highway, so any pipe installation would have to be done by jacking & boring underground. Discussion on the location of the sidewalk extensions to BI was held, and Medalen suggested the City determine how they would like the extension to be done, based on right-of-way and landscape. The south extension to Jacquin Lane would be easier to plan, and Council consensus was MNDOT should include it in the plans and determine cost sharing amount for the City. Discussion was also held on various intersections, with Louwagie requesting MNDOT line up intersections when designing sidewalk and ped ramp radius to allow for smoother transition and intersection improvements in future city projects, specifically the intersection the intersections of Park Avenue and Hwy 22 and Church Street S. and Hwy 55. Medalen and Brunkhorst requested the city make their decision soon on the sidewalk extension on Hwy 55 in order to keep the project plans progressing. They explained there will be another public

meeting/open house before the project begins, possibly in April 2018, to review the plans again and address any concerns that may have come up and to provide a project timeline.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Kern, seconded by Thielen.

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Mona Haag, Clerk/Treasurer

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Brent Bengtson, Mayor